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1. Prior to 16th May 1955, supplies for various departments of the Ministry of the Interior were stocked in the depots west of the fuel dump of the supply center in Warsaw - Slinawice. Head of this supply center was Kowalski (fnu), who [redacted] had his office in the Ministry of the Interior and had the rank of lieutenant of the security forces. The staff of the center consisted of 40 civilian and a POW detail, who were guarded by a KBW unit. The buildings included 2 stone depots, partly with basement, 120 x 30 meters. One of these two depots contained food, furniture, off 25X1 furniture, motor vehicle spare parts, men's and women's plain clothes, uniforms for security forces and prison staff, office material of various kinds, all sorts of billeting equipment, forms and propaganda material, as well as other items of daily use including equipment for large kitchens and laundries. The material stored in the second depot consisted of all sorts of electrical and medical equipment, including complete installations and devices for medical operations. Underground cables were stored in the open near the depots. During 1 month, the center was supplied every week. Equipment was continually dispatched by rail and by road, to such locations as Krakow, Danzig and Katowice. The functions of the center was obviously to cope with current demands. 1
2. In the area north of the depots, 3 additional depots and 2 smaller brick buildings were erected prior to May 1955. Although all five buildings were not yet completed, a section of one hall was already used for storing bales of cloth. A semi-circular construction with flat roof was particularly noteworthy. 2
3. For security reasons, cars with goods for the depots were parked during the night in the fuel dump east of the 2 depots mentioned in paragraph 1. The fuel dump, which was surrounded by a high stone wall and guarded by watch towers, consisted of approximately 16 fuel containers. The fuel containers most of which were underground were equipped with lightning conductors. 25X1

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[redacted] gasoline and Diesel oil was stored in the fuel dump. Special anti-air raid devices were not noticed.

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4. On the grounds south of the riding-school, 2 new buildings were seen. The one toward the west had rod antennas on its roof. According to rumors heard from the POWs, this installations was designed for monitoring foreign broadcasting stations and logging illegal radio stations. 3
5. Prior to May 1955, a motor pool with repair installations and which belonged to the supply center, was observed north of the forced labor and internment camp. More than 100 trucks as well as Urrus-type tractors were seen. Driving and repair personnel consisted exclusively of civilians. Most trucks were used for carrying building material, the rest for supply services and for shipping labor to building sites in Warsaw .
6. In February 1955, 2 new buildings were noticed south of the riding school. Three rod antennas, approximately 8 meters long with diagonal bracings, were fitted on the roof of one of the 2 buildings. [redacted] technical equipment was housed in this building, the second contained the administration and archives. In February 1955, 6 to 8 van-like radio trucks with retractable rod antennas were seen near the building equipped with the antenna installation. Every morning at approximately 0900, 2 busloads of civilians arrived at this building from the direction of Warsaw . [redacted] these civilians belonged to the Ministry of the Interior. Occasionally persons wearing uniforms were also seen. 3
7. In February 1955, the goods to be stored in the depots west of the fuel dump included furniture, clothing and uniforms. The goods arrived only by rail. [redacted] the furniture, which arrived at a rate of 2 to 3 carloads a day, was made in prison workshops.
8. The ration supply depot in Warsaw - Praga which was situated between the ul. Plantowa and the ul. Swedzka west of the Praga -Wilenski railway and had private sidings, consisted of 4 massive depots, approximately 100 x 15 meters, and another depot, which was larger though less modern. The depot with its exclusively civilian staff was allegedly subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior and served security forces, police units, prisons, internment camps and other security offices. The depot was chiefly used for storing food, and to a lesser extent, cloth. The trucks and horse-drawn vehicles which collected rations at the depot were frequently manned by personnel of the security forces. The depot was guarded by KBW-details.
1. [redacted] Comment. This report confirms previous information on the Warsaw - Sluzewiec supply center. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. The extension of the depot area was reported for the first time.
3. [redacted] Comment. An intelligence service of the Ministry of the Interior seems to have been installed in the area south of the riding school.
4. [redacted] Comment. The ration supply depot in Warsaw - Praga of the Ministry of the Interior has been known for some time.

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